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15 August 1949

General J. Lawton Collins, USA  
Chief of Staff  
United States Army  
Washington, D. C.

Dear General:

I am delighted to learn of your appointment by the President to the very important post of Chief of Staff of the Army and hasten to extend my sincere congratulations.

With very best wishes and kindest personal regards,  
believe me,

Sincerely,

Signed & dispatched 8/15  
thru R b mnd

R. H. Hillenkoetter  
Rear Admiral, USN  
Director of Central  
Intelligence

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"Dear Hilly, Many thanks indeed  
for your nice note of congratulations  
on my recent appointment as Chief  
of Staff of the Army. I hope that,  
in this new capacity, I will see a  
bit more of you than has been the  
case in the past. Meanwhile,  
please accept my warm regards,  
and again many thanks. Faithfully  
yours, s/Joe Collins"